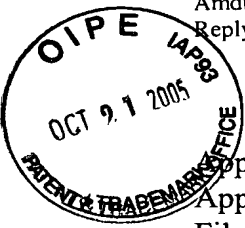


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RESPONSE AND ELECTION

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated September 27, 2005.

The one month period for responding to the Office action expires on October 27, 2005.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to proceed with claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 directed to species I.

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October 19, 2005

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